

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 22 are pending. Claims 1 – 14 have been withdrawn from consideration in view of a restriction requirement. Claims 15 – 22 stand rejected. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st and 2nd paragraphs, set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 15 – 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 first and second paragraphs for the reasons stated in paragraph 4 and 5 of the Office Action.

Claims 15 – 22 have been rewritten. It is believed that claims 15 – 22 satisfy the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 112 first and second paragraphs. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, it is stated that "claims 19-22 are incomplete since the nature or composition of the coating has been omitted."

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 19-22 depend from claim 15. As indicated by the applicant on page 7 of the specification and noted by the Examiner in the Office Action, the nature of the coating processes claimed in claims 19-22 are well known. The addition of a known coating process to a novel process does not render the novel process unpatentable. The omission of the composition of the coating does not render the claim incomplete because the claim encompasses any composition of such coating. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19-22 is respectfully requested.

Claims 15, 16 and 18 – 22 were rejected under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 in view of Howard or Young for the reasons stated in paragraphs 6 and 8 of the Office Action.


Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection. However, to place the application in condition for allowance, claim 15 has been amended to incorporate

the elements claimed in claim 17, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Claims 16 to 23 depend from claim 15.

Claims 24 to 33 have been added to define use of charcoal and activated charcoal in forming the boxboard.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application including claims 15 to 33 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,



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